

DAILY BULLETS FOR SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2017:

CORPUS CHRISTI (ALPHA BRANCH)

HOUSTON (BRAVO BRANCH)

Eric Robertson with the Texas General Land office (TGLO) and EPA OSC Manuel Schmaedick responded to a reported petroleum spill located outside of Bridge City at HWY 106 and Cormier Rd in Orange county TX on 9/5/17.

The spill was reported to EPA ESF #10 - Hurricane Harvey Charlie Branch by TGLO during ESF10 hazard evaluation recon activities. The TGLO and the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) initially reported the source of the spill as unknown and requested EPA assistance for further assessment, containment and potential cleanup operations.

TGLO, EPA, and ER contractors mobilized to the site at approximately 1530 hrs on 9/5 to conduct assessment and reconnaissance of reported spill area. Petroleum and petroleum sheening were observed in flooded areas around an abandoned oil well and pump jacks. Sorbent boom was placed around pump jacks and in a roadside ditch to help contain any further release. Due to continued high water, additional cleanup and assessment activities were not possible.

After further onsite reconnaissance TGLO identified the potential responsible party as Benchmark Oil. Personnel from Benchmark stated that a 250-barrel tank onsite had recently been emptied but may have been damaged or turned over during flood releasing remaining residual material.

Benchmark oil contacted a cleanup contractor - Donovan Industrial Services- to perform containment and booming operations around the tank. Additional follow up and coordination with the RP is being handled by TGLO. TGLO and EPA will return to the site on September 6 in order to further monitor the release and maintain and assess sorbent boom.

Water Infrastructure Group had 6 DW teams for site assessments, 1 team of 2 was in Beaumont to help the City of Beaumont WS and set up a command post in Beaumont/ Port Arthur if necessary. 62 total site assessments were assigned, 53 were completed.

Water infrastructure Group had 4 teams to conducted 22 total site assessments were assigned, 22 were completed and 1 site was not operational

Most facilities were found to be operating with no storm related damage. No facilities with critical needs were found to be not built. Facilities were located in Harris, Austin and Chambers counties.

Hazard evaluation team 2 conducted inland assessments at Grid 201 and 202 with no targets identified.

Hazard evaluation team 4 reported to team leader (Ly Pham – TCEQ), Grid 219 and 220 (Chambers County). No targets were observed and reported to team leader that assigned grids are completed.

Hazard evaluation team 5 visited Chambers County to initiate review of Grid #s 228 & 229, and visited Denbury Oyster Bayou Field Unit. HE5 located a 750-1,000-gallon Orange tank located in front of 2410 Devillier Loop, Winnie, Texas. A 55-gallon drum, crushed, located in front of 2317 Devillier Loop, Winnie, Texas.

Hazard Evaluation team 6 assessed Grid 235 in Chambers County. They identified one target in grid 234 in Chambers County. No targets were identified in Grids 235, 236 and 237.

Hazard evaluation team 7 evaluated Grid 79 in Montgomery County and completed all sections with no targets.

Hazard evaluation team 8 arrived at mission location but was still impassible due to high water. HE8 documented one orphaned 55-gallon, closed top, poly drum.

Hazard evaluation team 12 received Grid 213 with the target area in Montgomery County coordinating with local Fire Chiefs.

TCEQ met with the Texas Guard and Texas Public Safety UA Flight Teams for briefing. They also met with the Corps of Engineers to provide them training on RM. Lastly, TCEQ met with CST 6 to give them a situational brief.

TCEQ assisted in advanced set at Command post. IR Support was on site for assistance.

PORT ARTHUR/ BEAUMONT (CHARLIE BRANCH)

Charlie Branch break up the crew into Coastal Task Force and Inland Task Force with 4 teams with 4 members for each team consist of USCG, TGLO for the Coastal and USCG and TCEQ for the inland.

Below is the Charlie's AOR map of each Task Force's area of assignment



Team Type	Charlie Branch
Water Assessment Teams	0
Hazard Evaluation	4
Oil Discharge Assessment	4
Container Recovery	0
Oil Recovery Group	0
ER/Recovery Group	0
Arkema Group	0
Air Operations Group	1
Totals	9